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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7170**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1292

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Annexation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Orentlicher

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that when a municipality initiates an annexation, the municipality must file a petition with the court containing the signatures of at least 51% of the landowners in the territory proposed to be annexed.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This provision could increase the case load of Indiana trial courts. The bill would require a court to determine the proper amount of signatures (51% of landowners) are on a municipality initiated annexation (MIA) petition.

If the court determines not enough signatures were present, then an MIA would not be able to be attempted on the territory in question for one year after the date of either the judgement rendered by the trial court or final disposition of appeals handed down by higher courts.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipalities, trial courts.

**Information Sources:**

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